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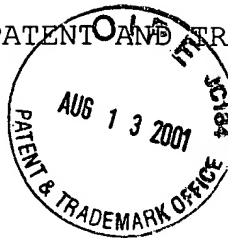
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HAVING SELF-CONSISTENT  
DEMAGNETIZATION FIELDS

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 4 and ending at Page 1, line 14 with the following paragraph.

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/233,815 filed September 19, 2000 by Lujun Chen, Jim Giusti and Juan Fernandez-de-Castro, and entitled "NEW MR READER STRUCTURES BASED ON STRAY & DEMAG FIELDS WITH DOWNWARD EXTERNAL FIELD" and is also a continuation of International Application Number PCT/US 01/13417, filed on April 26, 2001 for "GIANT MAGNETORESISTIVE SENSOR HAVING SELF-CONSISTENT DEMAGNETIZATION FIELDS," which in turn claims priority to the aforementioned U.S. provisional application.